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# Traffic Signal Design Considerations



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# Detection









# Challenges

- Users
- Construction
- Maintenance



## Purpose

- Tells Controller Demand Exists
- Right of Way Assignment



# **Detection Types**

- Active
- Passive



#### **Active Detection**







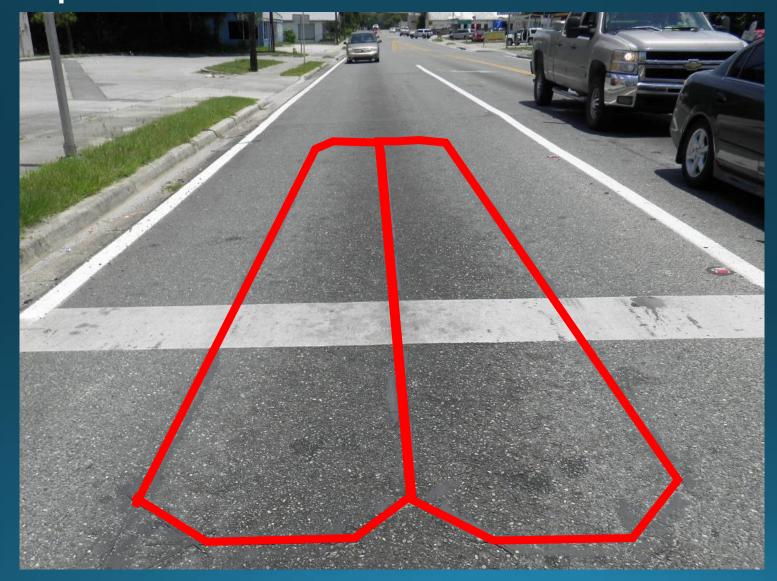


#### Passive

- Detector types
  - Loops
  - Video
  - Magnetometers



# Loops





## Loops

- Pay item
  - •660-1
  - •660-2



#### 660-1

# SHELF MOUNTED





#### 660-1

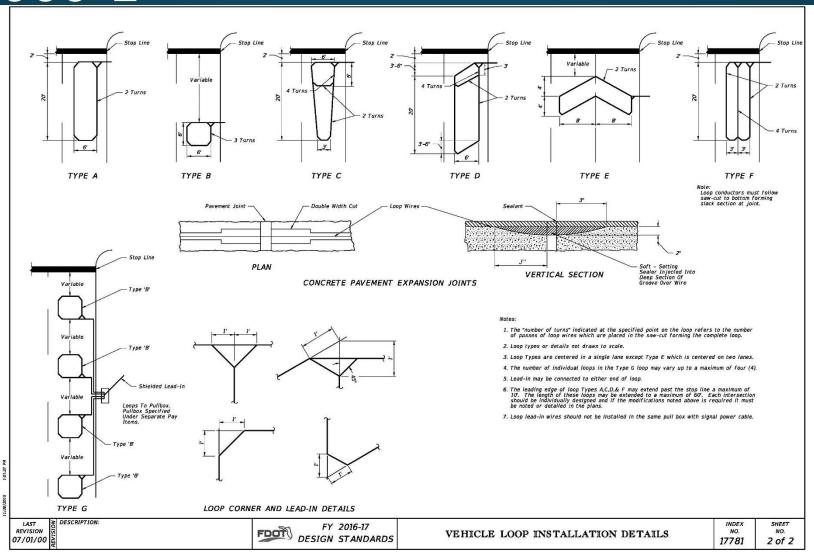
# RACK MOUNTED







#### 660-2



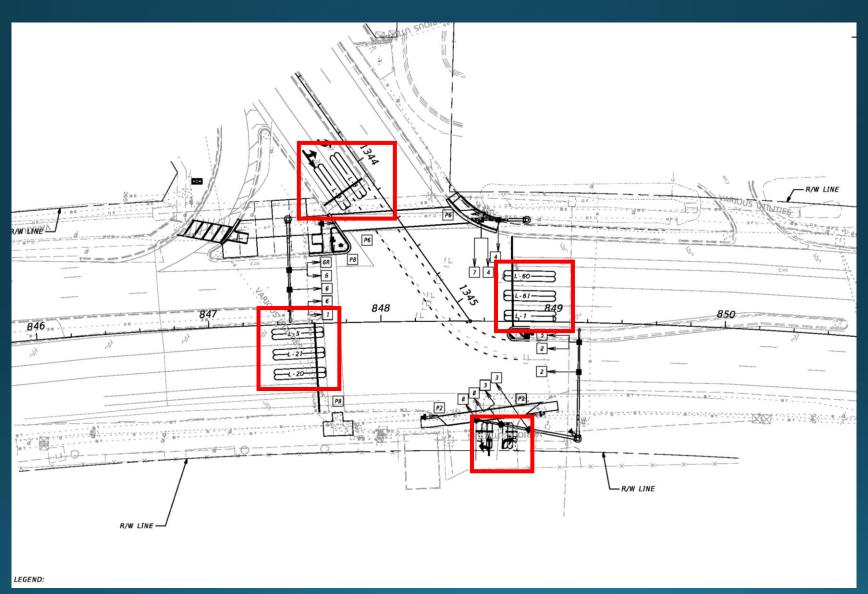
## Loop Design Considerations

- Pavement condition
- Maintenance
- Curb work
- Replacement

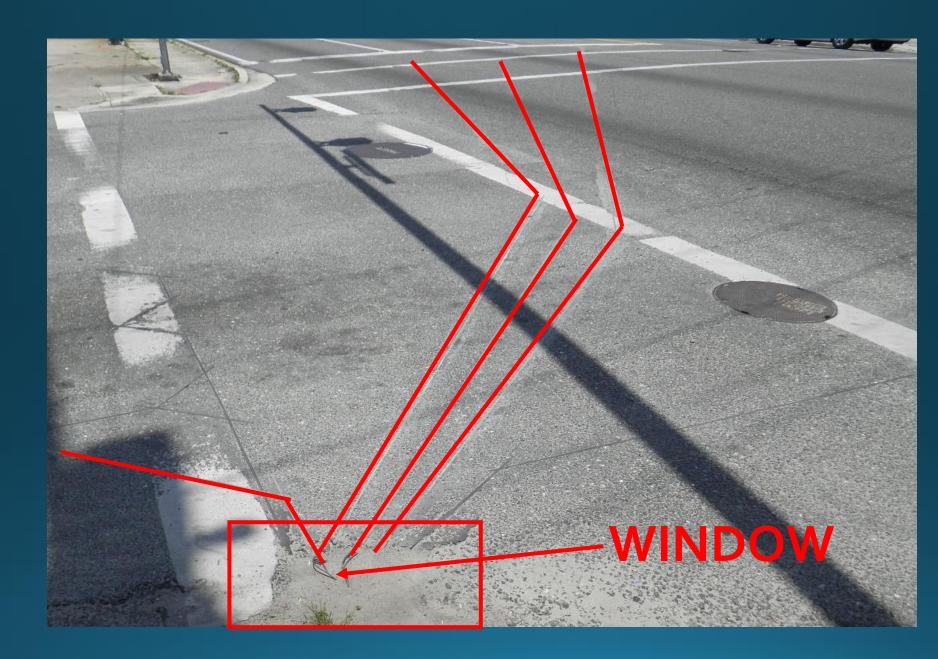










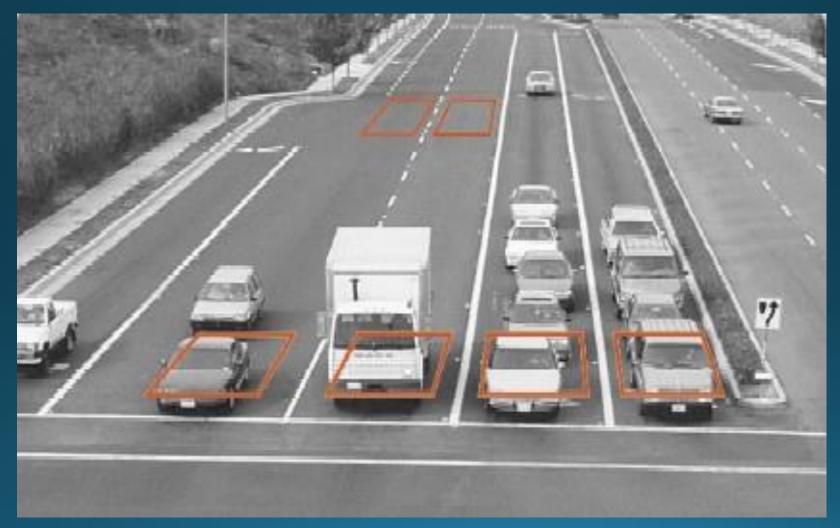








## Cameras

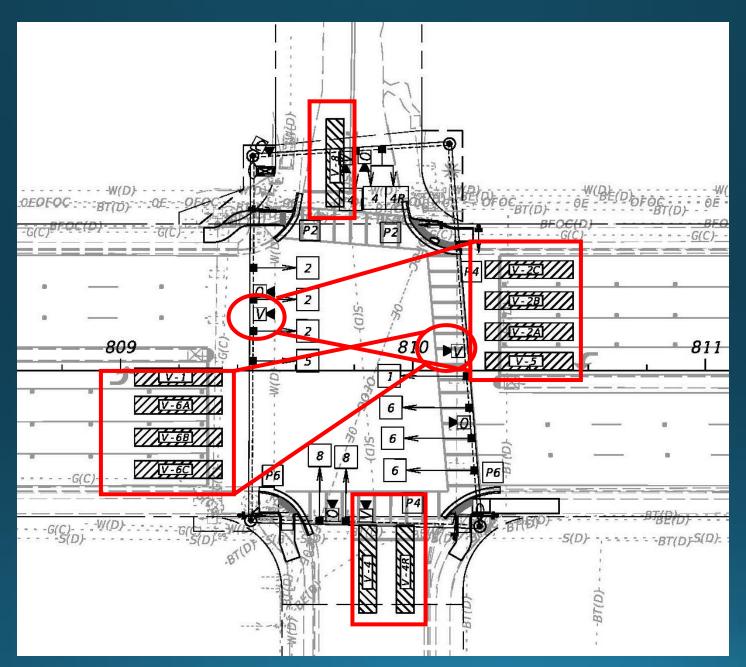




# Video – Optical & FLIR

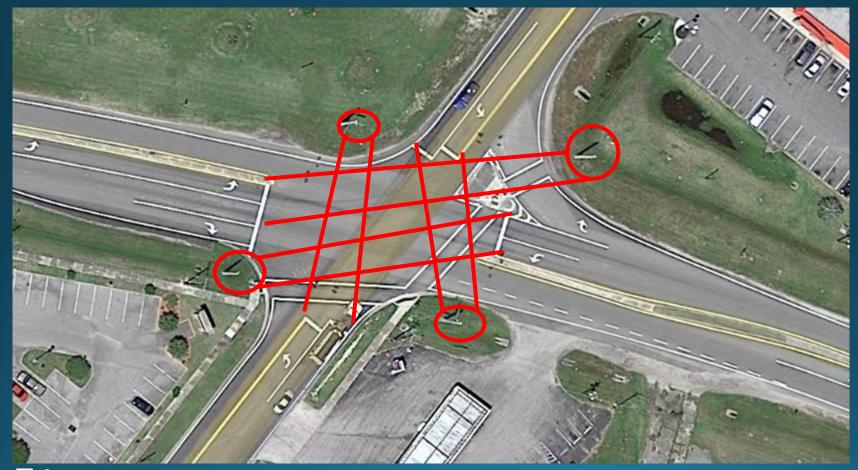
- •660-4
- Traffic
- Mounting
- Orientation
- Weather
- Temporary detection



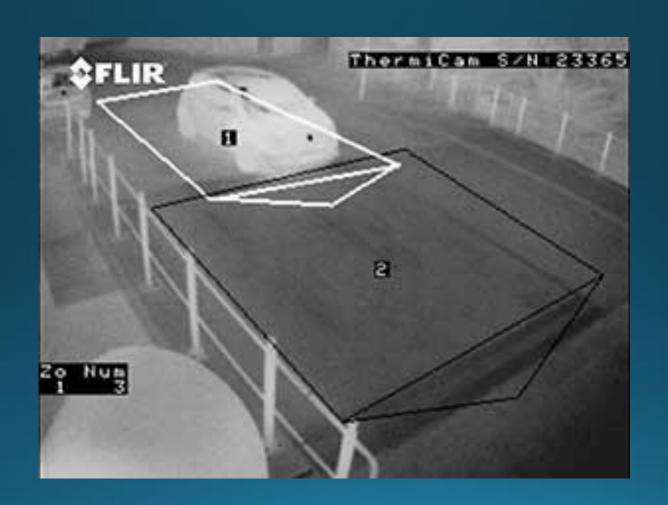




# Video Design Considerations





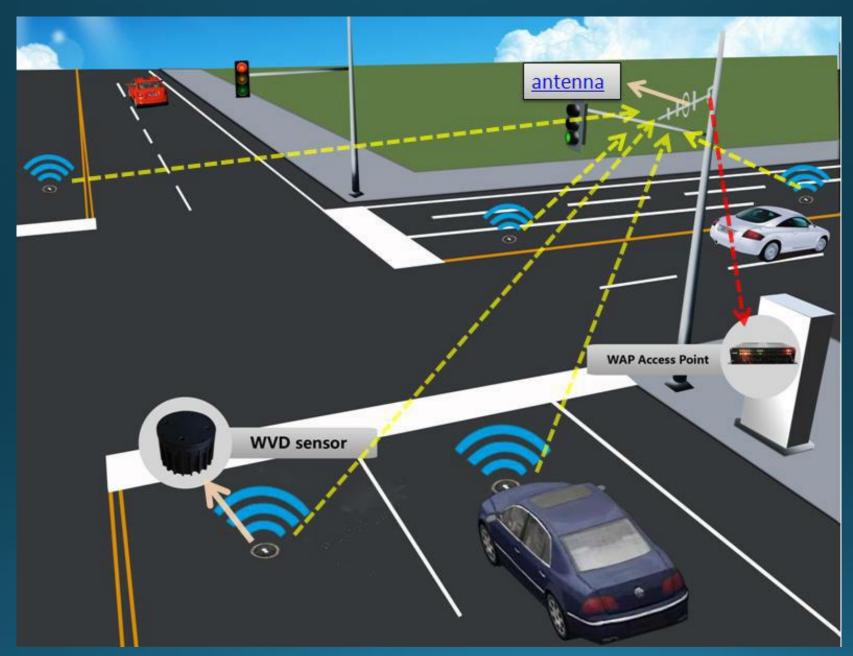




## Magnetometers

- •660-5
- Traffic
- Replacement for loops
- Wireless Signal Interruption







## **Detection During Construction**

- •Why?
- ALL projects
- Current Basis of Estimates
  - •102-104Temporary signalization
  - •102-107-1 Temporary detection and maintenance





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# Design Considerations for Traffic Signal Timing

# Signalized Intersection Level of Service





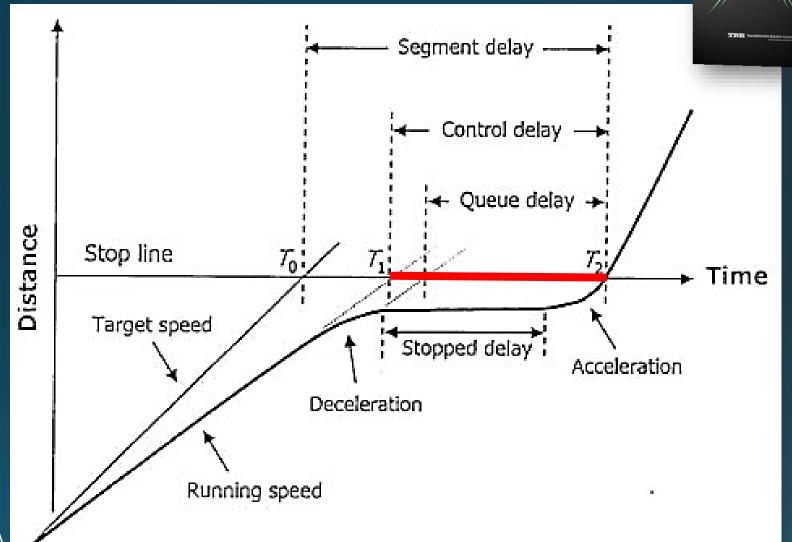
# Signalized Intersection Level of Service



Level of Service	Average Control Delay (Seconds per Vehicle)	Description of Traffic Flow
Α	≤10	Free Flow
В	>10 to 20	Stable Flow with Slight Delays
C	>20 to 35	Stable Flow with Acceptable Delays
D	>35 to 55	Approaching Unstable Flow with Tolerable Delays
Е	>55 to 80	Unstable Flow with Intolerable Delays
F	>80	Forced Flow (Congestion and Queues Failing to Clear Intersection)



# Control Delay

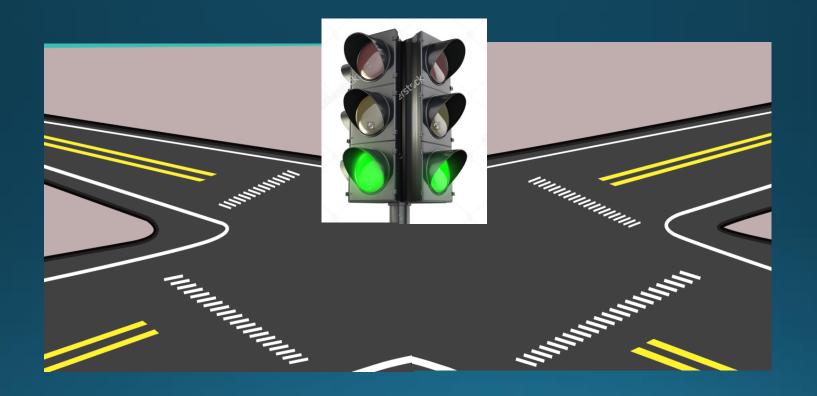




If we reduce Control Delay at an intersection, we improve that intersection's Level of Service.



# Can Control Delay = 0?







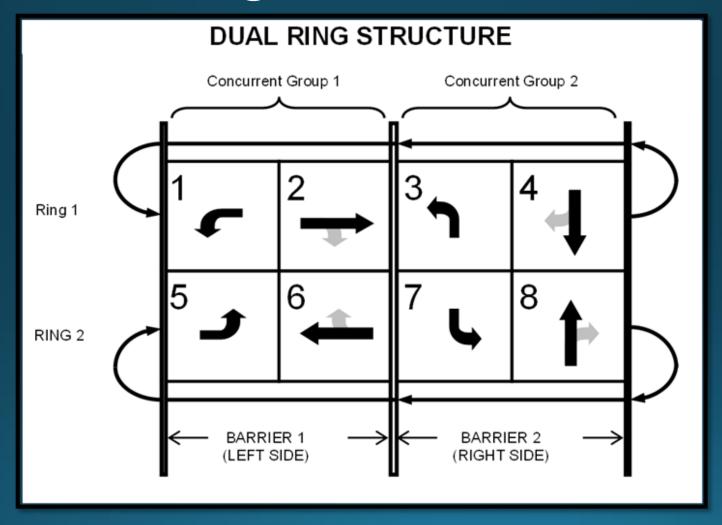


# Design Features to Minimize Control Delay

- Design to minimize the number of signal phases required at an intersection.
- Design to minimize Red Clearance times
- Design to minimize Pedestrian Crossing times
- Design for the appropriate vehicular detection strategies

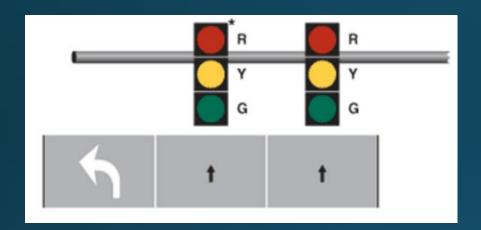


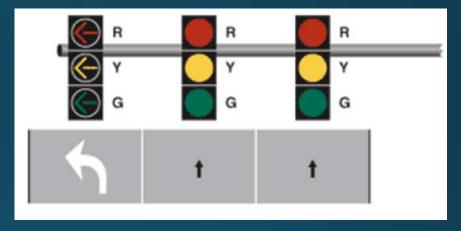
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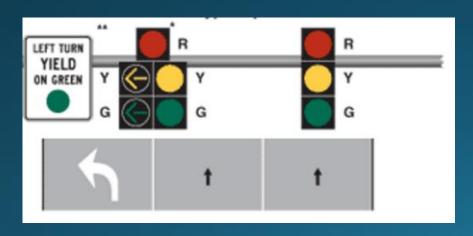


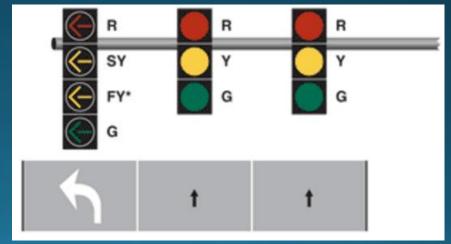


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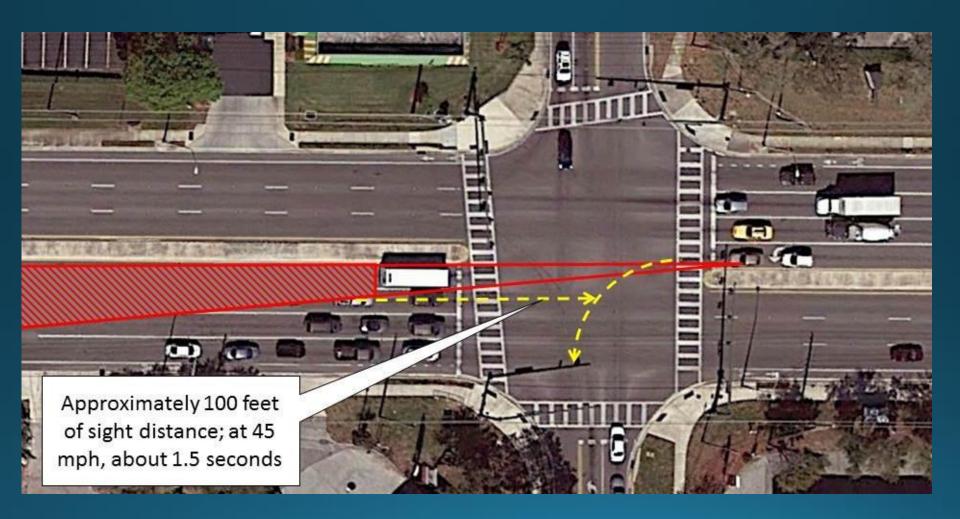




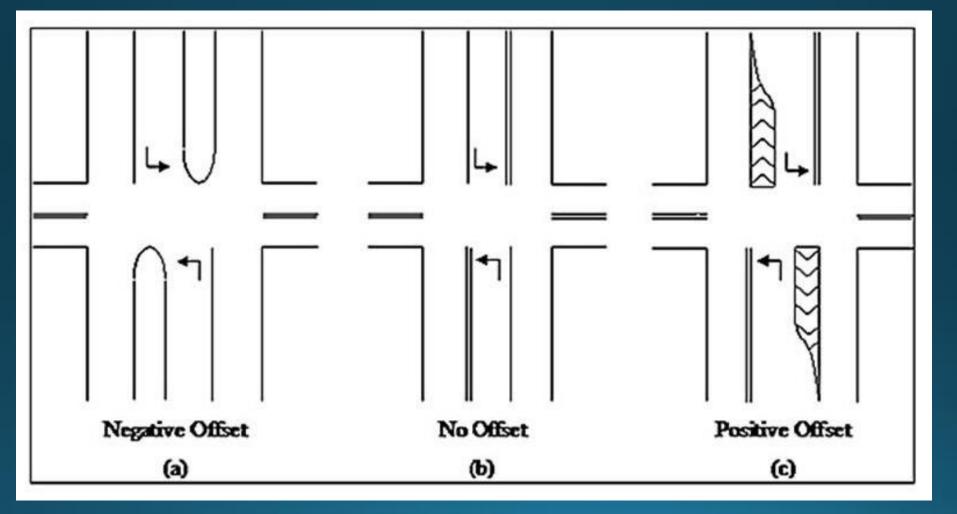




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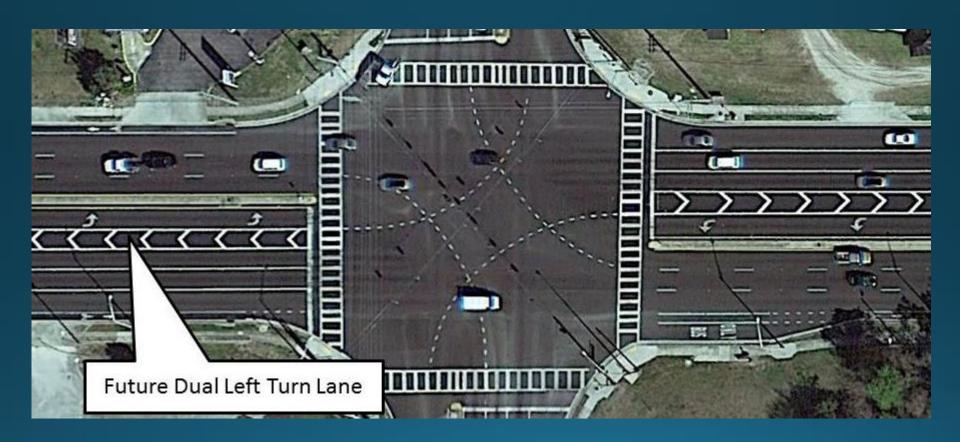






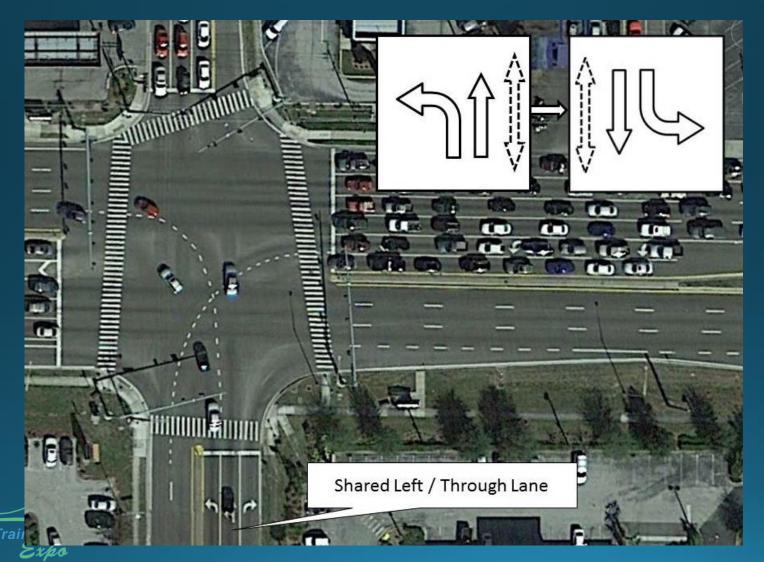




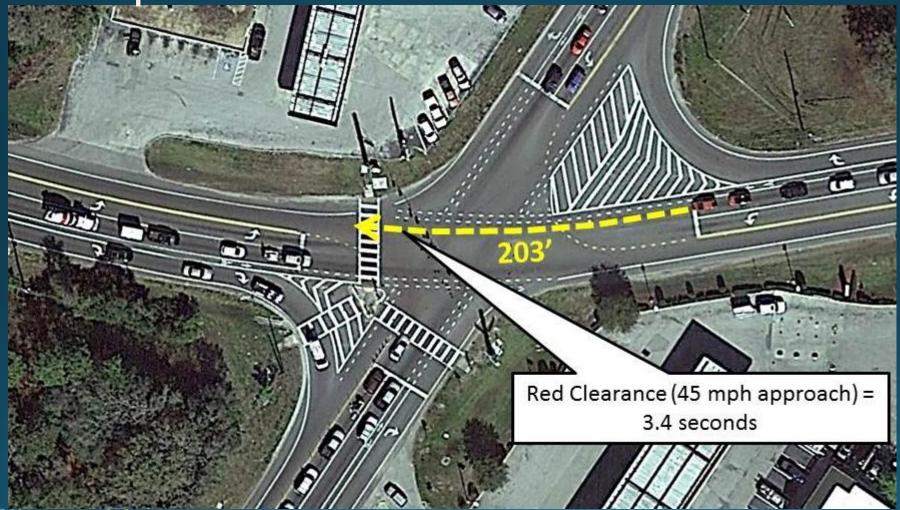




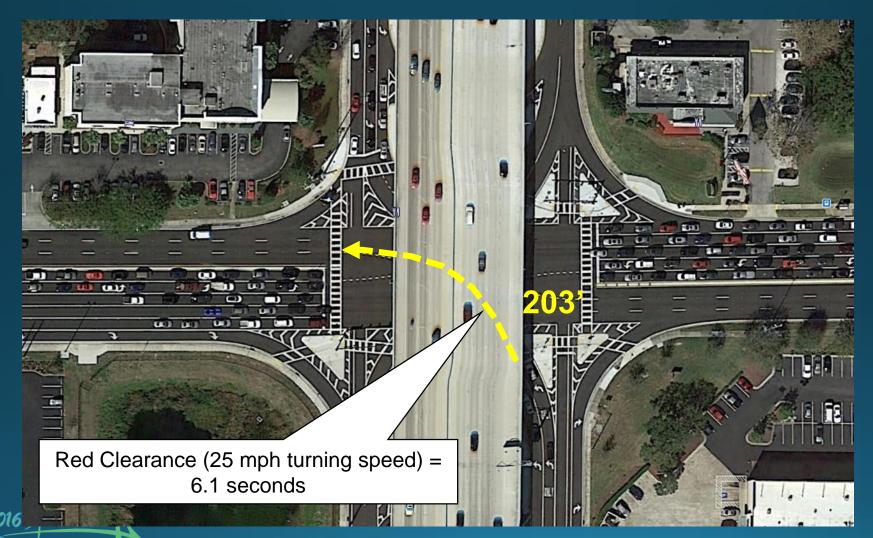
# Minimize Signal Phases: Split Phasing



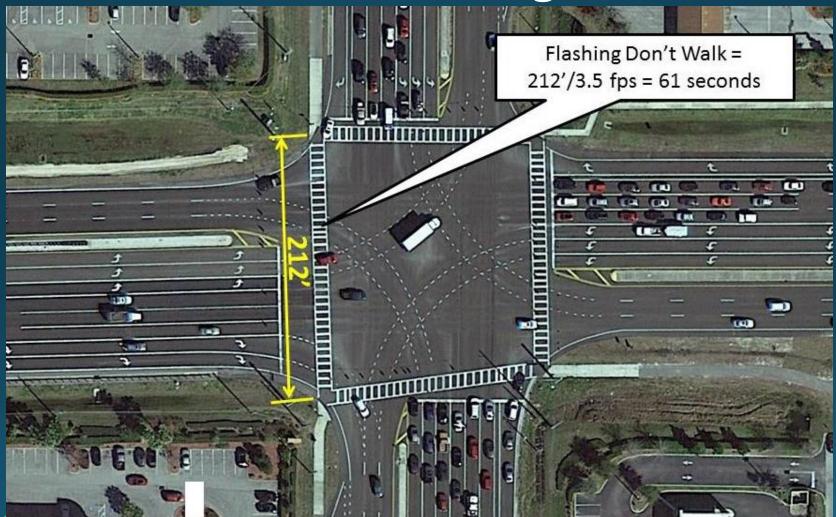
Minimize Red Clearance Times: Stop Bar Placement



# Minimize Red Clearance Times: SPUIs



## Minimize Pedestrian Clearance Times: Crosswalk Lengths



## Minimize Pedestrian Clearance Times: Channelizing Islands



# Minimize Pedestrian Clearance Times: Two Stage Crossings



### Design Appropriate Detection



